

Claims:

1. A television system including a display screen (4) and a broadcast data receiver (BDR) for the reception of data broadcast from a broadcaster at a remote location, said data comprising any or any combination of video, audio and/or auxiliary data, at least part of said data being processed by the BDR to generate an electronic programme guide (EPG), said EPG containing information relating to a range of programmes available for viewing at that instant or in the future, and displaying said EPG on the display screen, characterised in that the BDR is provided with a facility allowing a user to select to view from the EPG, for a pre-determined period of time, a visual display of each, or a predetermined selection, of the programmes available for viewing at that instant or for a particular time period in the future.
2. A television system according to claim 1 characterised in that programmes viewed using the facility are shown in sequence, each for said pre-determined period of time.
3. A television system according to claim 1 characterised in that the pre-determined period of time for which each programme can be viewed is determined by the broadcaster.
4. A television system according to claim 1 characterised in that the pre-determined period of time for which each programme can be viewed is determined by the user.
5. A television system according to claim 1 characterised in that the programmes available for viewing using the facility

are a number of programmes pre-selected in relation to any user and/or user defined groupings.

6. A television system according to claim 5 characterised in that the programmes being shown via the facility are based on the user's favourite channel and/or programme list.
7. A television system according to claim 1 characterised in that the programmes available for viewing using the facility are a number of programmes identified on the basis of user defined subject matter input into the system.
8. A television system according to claim 1 characterised in that the user is able to select a particular programme for watching subsequently at the time of the visual display for that programme being shown.
9. A television system according to claim 1 characterised in that the user is able to select a particular programme for watching subsequently after the display of all the programmes.
10. A television system according to claim 1 characterised that a textual message is generated on screen for each programme being shown via the facility to inform the user of details relating to each of the said programmes.
11. A television system according to claim 1 characterised in that any or any combination of selection of the facility, selection of the subject matter to which the programmes shown via the facility relate, selection of the pre-determined period of time for which the programmes are shown for and/or selection of a particular programme

to subsequently be viewed, are achieved via a remote control device used in conjunction with the BDR.

12. A broadcast data receiver (BDR), said BDR connected to or integrally formed with a display screen (4), said BDR receiving data from a broadcaster at a remote location, said data comprising any or any combination of video, audio and/or auxiliary data, at least part of said data being processed by the BDR to generate an electronic programme guide (EPG) containing information relating to a range of programmes for viewing at that instant or in the future and displaying said EPG on the display screen, characterised in that the BDR is provided with a facility allowing a user to select to view from the EPG, for a pre-determined period of time, a visual display for each, or a pre-determined selection, of the programmes available for viewing for a particular time period.
13. An electronic programme guide (EPG), said EPG being generated by a broadcast data receiver (BDR) for display on a display screen (4), said EPG containing information relating to a range of programmes for viewing at that instant or in the future, characterised in that a facility is provided by the BDR for selection by a user using the EPG allowing the user to select to view, for a pre-determined period of time, a visual display for each, or a pre-determined selection, of the programmes available for viewing for a particular time period.
14. A method of reviewing a number of programmes identified in an EPG, said EPG being generated from a broadcast data receiver for display on a display screen, said EPG containing information relating to a range of programmes for viewing at that instant or in the future,

said method including the steps of a user selecting to view, for a pre-determined period of time, all or a pre-determined selection, of programmes available for viewing at that instant or for a particular time period in the future, and said BDR generating visual displays for each of said programmes in sequence for said pre-determined time periods.